

Charge for Contaminated Sediments and RCRA Multi-Year Plan Advisory

ORD requests that the Panel review the Contaminated Sites and RCRA MYPs and provide advice with respect to overall organization, rationale and content.

As part of the next update of these plans, the two plans will be combined into one MYP. For this update, what changes should be made to ensure that:

1. The long-term goals select and articulate the high priority science, engineering, and technology needs of the Agency to meet its strategic goal for preserving and restoring the land.
 - a. Do the MYPs provide logical frameworks for organizing the research programs?
 - b. Are the long-term goals supportive of meeting the Agency's strategic targets and focused on important issues?
 - c. Based on changes incorporated in the last revision of the MYPs, does multi-year planning lay out a balanced program addressing short-term and longer-term research to meet current needs and position the Agency to respond to emerging issues?
 - d. Recognizing that trust fund resources have to be accountable, how might we lay out long-term goals and complementary research themes in an MYP that merges the two existing plans?
 - e. In addition to emerging areas the Agency has identified, does the Panel see other potential emerging research areas that should be considered? If so, how might these areas be incorporated into a merged MYP?
2. The plans define a pathway that tracks program progress toward achieving the long-term goals, consistent with the current state of the art, the role of ORD in the research community, and available resources.
 - a. Is the planned research complementary to other research in this field?
 - b. Is the distribution of resources across long-term goals and themes appropriate?
 - c. Given the resources available, is the program appropriately focused on Agency priorities and emerging needs?
3. The diagrams and Annual Performance Measure and Annual Performance Goal (APM/APG) tables are effective tools to communicate the work we plan to do and will be useful in documenting accomplishments.
 - a. Is it clear that the research products (APMs and APGs) are supportive of the Agency's strategic targets?
 - b. Do the APMs and APGs show a logical progression toward meeting the long-term goals?